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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM CHARGE

1. INITIAL FY-74 OBLIGATIONS REPORTED IN REF (B). FINAL OBLIGATION OF FIRST TRANCHE REPORTED IN REF (C) ALONG WITH PROJECTED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, AND AGAIN IN REF (D).

2. FOR FY-72 EMBASSY RECORDS SHOW \$690.78 REMAINS TO BE DISBURSED ON ONE PROJECT. DELAY IN DISBURSEMENT IS DUE PROBLEM GETTING BILLS FROM SMALL UPCOUNTRY SUPPLIER.

3. ALTHOUGH FINAL TRANCHE OF \$28,500 FOR FY-73 NOT GIVEN UNTIL LATE JUNE, ONLY \$7,886 OF TOTAL \$108,500 FUNDING FOR FY-73 REMAINS UNDISBURSED. \$6,800 OF OUTSTANDING FUNDS FROM TWO PROJECTS WHERE INVOICES INCORRECTLY PREPARED HAVE BEEN RETURNED. THIS NOW BEING CLEARED UP. AVERAGE LAG-TIME BETWEEN PROJECT SIGNATURE AND FINAL VENDOR PAYMENT IS 90 DAYS.

4. THERE HAS BEEN CONFUSION IN THE RBFO'S ABOUT SELF-HELP VOUCHERING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES, WHICH COULD ACCOUNT FOR SOME DISCREPANCIES. HOWEVER, ALL DAHOMEY SELF-HELP DISBURSEMENTS ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF OBLIGATIONS REPORT WHICH AID MUST HAVE.

5. CONFUSION SHOULD SUBSIDE NOW THAT EMBASSY CONTROLLING ALL
OBLIGATIONS IN-HOUSE AFTER RBFO REFUSAL TO DO SO. WE ARE WILLING
TO ADOPT ANY KIND OF REPORTING FORMAT WHICH OFFERS DEPT MORE
VALID INFORMATION, SUCH AS MONTHLY OBLIGATION/DISBURSAL TELEGRAM.
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